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SUBJECT: EC FOOD AID FOR INDIA

REF: EC BRUSSELS 7543

1. AS REPORTED (REFTEL) INDIA RECENTLY APPROACHED
THE EC COMMISSION WITH A REQUEST FOR 1 MILLION TONS
OF GRAIN TO HELP MEET SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGES DEV-
ELOPING IN THAT COUNTRY. UNDER THE INDIAN PRO-
POSAL INDIA WOULD PURCHASE 500,000 TONS COMMERCIALY
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IN THE EC GRAIN MARKET AND THE EC WOULD PROVIDE THE

OTHER 500,000 TONS AS FOOD AID.

2. EC COMMISSION SOURCES HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE COMMISSION DECIDED ON OCTOBER 9 TO ASK THE COUNCIL TO RESPOND TO THIS INDIAN GRAIN REQUEST BY 1) SUPPLYING 150,000 TONS OF WHEAT FROM UNCOMMITTED STOCKS AVAILABLE UNDER THE CURRENT 74/75 COMMUNITY FOOD AID PROGRAM, AND 2) ASKING THE MEMBER STATES TO SUPPLY AN ADDITIONAL 150,000 TONS OF WHEAT BILATERALLY. SUCH AN EC AND MEMBER STATE COMBINED CONTRIBUTION OF 300,000 TONS WOULD REPRESENT THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO MEET THE INDIAN REQUEST FOR 500,000 TONS OF GRAIN IN FOOD AID. SHIPMENT OF 150,000 TONS OF COMMUNITY FOOD AID GRAIN TO INDIA WOULD EXHAUST THE COMMUNITY'S 1974/75 FOOD AID STOCKS, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES.

3. THE COMMISSION PROPOSES THAT THE 700,000 TON BALANCE OF THE 1 MILLION TON INDIAN REQUEST COULD BE PURCHASED BY THE INDIANS IN THE EC GRAIN MARKET.

4. OUR SOURCES SAID THAT THE INDIANS ARE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN A COMMUNITY PACKAGE ALONG THESE LINES. THEY HOPE THAT THE ARRANGEMENT OF SUCH A PACKAGE WOULD HAVE AN IMMEDIATE DAMPENING EFFECT ON INTERNAL INDIAN WHEAT PRICES.
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